

Children and Young People Select Committee Chair's Update

Scrutiny Review – Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The scope and project plan was agreed at the meeting on 26 April. The Committee also considered a background presentation.</p> <p>SEND is now subject to an Ofsted/CQC inspection process and a local inspection is due by 2020.</p> <p>It is proposed that the review will consider the wider context for SEND within Stockton Borough, and will focus in particular on preparing for adulthood. This includes support up to age 25, and transition into adult services where appropriate. This is an area that needs development to provide better planning for transitions.</p> <p>Preparing for adulthood includes all aspects of SEND provision including education, health and care needs.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	Children's Services (including SEND Team and Youth Direction) will provide information on the development of SEND services, and the meeting will also be used to share with Members the draft guidance and documents that are being developed by SEND Team
On track – yes / no	Yes

Educational Psychology – “Reporting In” Review	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>This main aim of this officer led review was to explore different service delivery models and propose new ways of working.</p> <p>Drawing from best practice in other local authorities and research projects locally and nationally, key lines of enquiry included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the service be reshaped to better support outcomes for vulnerable children? • How can the service be best positioned to enable recruitment of strong staff to the team?

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the service be best funded to enable it to work in a broader way in the Borough than just in statutory assessments – this would include in early support, family interventions and Future in Mind work across the school sector? <p>Baseline evidence was presented to the Committee in November 2016 and options and recommendations were discussed by the Committee in March 2017.</p> <p>The Select Committee commended the officers for the innovative solutions proposed and supported the recommendations presented and were very supportive of a move away from a largely assessment based system to an approach which would have a wider impact through early support and intervention.</p> <p>The Select Committee asked officers to review the proposed approach to ensure that parents had the same rights as schools in requesting the full range of support available, thereby avoiding the necessity of having to pursue a formal assessment.</p> <p>Members also felt it would be useful to investigate how many assessments were requested and how many children were the subject of an Education, Health and Care Plan compared to Hartlepool. It was suggested that this would be explored further as part of the forthcoming scrutiny review of Special Educational Needs and Disability.</p>
Planned next month	Cabinet –May 2017
Problems or concerns	None
Requests for more information	None

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>Visits to Frontline Services</p> <p>The current round of frontline visits has concluded. Officers will be asked to present a report to the Committee commenting on Member feedback and recommendations at the March meeting.</p> <p>Stockton Local Safeguarding Children's Board (SLSCB)</p> <p>Dave Pickard, Independent Chair of the SLSCB, provided an update on the Annual Report 2015/2016 at the meeting in March. The Committee considered information on how the</p>

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	local arrangements may be developed in light of the Wood Review.
Problems or concerns	None
Requests for more information	None

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>Dave Pickard (the independent chair of the SLSCB) presented the action plan for the review at the March meeting together with the SLSCB Annual Report for their consideration.</p> <p>The Action Plan for the review of Youth Services was considered and agreed at the January meeting.</p>
Requests for more information	-

Next Meetings
10 May 2017 5pm